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SUBJECT: U.S.-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: VISIT OF EPA

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BARBARA BLUM TO THE USSR

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 15846, (B) MOSCOW 15858

1. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CONCERNED OFFICIALS HERE, MRS.
BLUM HAS DECIDED NOT TO MAKE SCHEDULED VISIT TO USSR.

2.EPA WILLISSUE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE: STATEMENT
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BY BARBARA BLUM

BEGIN TEXT. I HAD PLANNED TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION JULY 8-
14 TO REVIEW PROGRESS UNDER THE U.S.-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL
AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE SOVIET AUTHOR-
ITIES HAVE SCHEDULED TRIALS OF LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIV-
ISTS ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY AND ALEXANDER GINZBURG TO BEGIN
ON JULY 10. THIS NEWS CAUSED ME DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AND

AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE I FEEL THAT MY VISITING THE USSR IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE. THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING THESE TRIALS WOULD, IN MY VIEW, NOT BE CONDUCTIVE TO A BUSINESSLIKE REVIEW OF COOPERATION. I WISH TO STRESS THAT I REGRET THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO MY DECISION. END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE SOVIET OFFICIALS OF MRS. BLUM'S DECISION. YOU MAY DRAW ON PRESS RELEASE ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF SOVIETS AND U.S. PRESS IN MOSCOW.

4. EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF B ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.

5. EP/ DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BARBARA BLUM SPOKE TO MINISTER VASEV OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN THE ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AND EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS POSTPONING HER TRIP AND GAVE HER REASONS ALONG THE LINES OF HER PUBLIC STATEMENT. VASEV REPLIED THAT THIS TRIAL WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER OF CONCERN ONLY TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND CERTAINLY OF NO CONCERN TO THE USG. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE U.S. IS NOT CARRYING OUT ITS SIDE OF THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND THAT THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A BREACH OF THAT AGREEMENT AND THAT IT IS UP TO THE US TO MAKE ANY FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THAT THIS IS VASEV WINGING IT AGAIN AND NOT A CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

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